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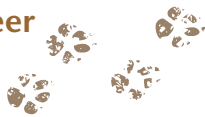
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Upcoming volunteer opportunities

Join the citywide trail volunteers who are critical for helping to preserve our trails. It's a great way to have fun, keep fit and learn about our unique environment — all while making a lasting contribution that benefits the community for generations.

Mark your calendar for the next volunteer opportunities (usually starting at 8:30 a.m.) and please remember to wear gloves, close-toed shoes and sunscreen. Water and snacks will be provided.

- Jan. 11 – No trail work. You are invited to celebrate the Grand Opening of Alga Norte Park
- Feb. 8 – El Fuerte Trail in Bressi Ranch
- March 8 – Fioli Circle in La Costa
- April 12 – Lake Calavera – Hike the new boardwalk trails
- May 16 – Arroyo Vista
- June 7 – Arroyo Vista – National Trail Day

To learn how to become a trail volunteer, please call the City Volunteer Hotline at 760-434-2929 or visit www.carlsbadca.gov/volunteers.

Check the city's website to confirm volunteer event dates and times at: www.carlsbadca.gov/trails.

Quarterly trail volunteer meetings

Want to find out more about volunteering for our trails?

Trail volunteer meetings are held once a quarter on Thursday evenings at 5 p.m. at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Ave.

- Thursday, March 20
- Thursday, June 19
- Thursday, Sept. 18
- Thursday, Dec. 18



Boardwalk trails project update and video

The Lake Calavera Boardwalk Trails and Wetland Restoration Project is underway. The project includes construction of an above ground boardwalk trail to improve the existing trail system in the Lake Calavera Preserve.

Current user-constructed creek crossing bridges made from driftwood debris and salvaged construction materials will be replaced by the new boardwalks, which will be similar to the one at the San Dieguito preserve, shown in this photo.



This project will improve the safety, environmental protection and aesthetics of these trails, including:

- Preventing uncontrolled loss of habitat
- Providing a safe creek crossing
- Creating nearly half an acre of wetland restoration
- Elevating trails above the wetland and out of the creek

During boardwalk construction, the creek crossing and some trails in the wetlands on the east side of the preserve will be closed. Affected trails will have clear signs with detours for hikers and visitors to move around construction areas. All other trails are expected to remain open.

Completion of this new trail project is expected to be March 2014, prior to bird nesting season. Current user-constructed creek crossing bridges made from driftwood debris and salvaged construction materials will be replaced by the new boardwalks, which will be similar to the one at the San Dieguito preserve, shown in this photo.

New interpretive signs

The City of Carlsbad teamed with MiraCosta College, Preserve Calavera and High Noon Rotary to create five interpretive signs, highlighting natural phenomena within the popular 256 acre Calavera Preserve.

- "Something's Blooming"
- "Know Your Neighbor"
- "Why Do Wetlands Matter?"
- "It's A Volcano"
- "The Agua Hedionda Watershed"



Trail volunteers at the Sept. 28 National Public Lands Day event helped install four of the five signs. Cub Scouts stenciled life-size animal tracks on the concrete base of the "Know Your Neighbors" sign, to serve as a guide for visitors searching for animal tracks along the creek.

The fifth sign will be installed in early 2014 after wetlands restoration and trail work along Calavera Creek are completed.



The Carlsbad City Council recognized this important project at the Nov. 19 City Council meeting. Pictured from left: Council Member Keith Blackburn, Council Member Lorraine Wood, Diane Nygaard of Preserve Calavera, City of Carlsbad Park Planner Liz Ketabian, Yvonne Finocchiaro of the High Noon Rotary, Council Member Farrah Douglas, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Packard and Mayor Matt Hall.

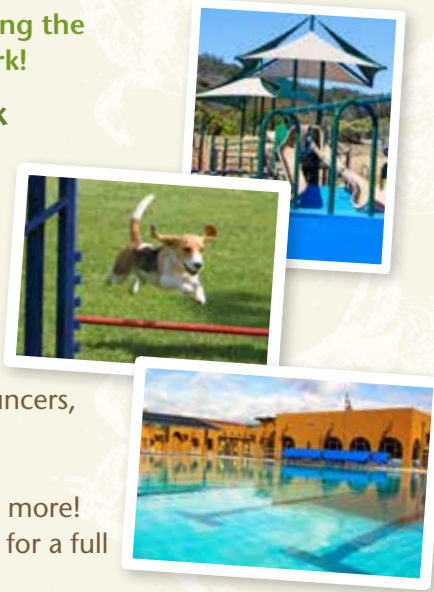
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Alga Norte Community Park grand opening celebration

Join the City of Carlsbad in celebrating the completion of Carlsbad's newest park!

**Alga Norte Community Park
Grand opening celebration
Saturday, Jan. 11
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Free events and activities will include open play in the swimming pools, a dive show, water polo games, ball games and special celebrity announcers, skateboarding lessons, professional skateboarding exhibitions, dog agility demonstrations, park tours, and much more! Visit www.carlsbadca.gov/parksandrec for a full schedule of the day's activities.



The 32 acre Alga Norte Community Park is located at the corner of Alicante Road and Poinsettia Lane, just east of El Camino Real. Those of us who enjoy trails can hike into Alga Norte Park by taking the trail along Alicante Street in front of the park, or along the north side of Poinsettia Lane.

Saturday Trail Work

Arroyo Vista

On Nov. 9, approximately 28 volunteers participated in a trail clean up at the Arroyo Vista Trail in southeast Carlsbad. The trail work included filling in ruts on the existing trail east of Rancho Santa Fe Rd. and clearing brush, invasive plants and litter at the far east end of the trail.

Many of the volunteers were Carlsbad High School Interact Club members and parents, who worked along with neighbors to make a positive impact to the trail condition and adjacent native habitat. Everyone worked diligently in the warm autumn weather to accomplish a whopping 65 hours of trail volunteer service!

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La Costa Glen

On Oct. 19, volunteers picked up litter, cleared brush and did erosion repairs. City trail volunteers and parks maintenance staff partnered with SAP, a local software business, to clean up this popular south Carlsbad trail. A total of 31 volunteers worked along the unpaved open space trail. By the end of this beautiful fall morning, over a dozen large bags of trash were removed and a half mile of brushing restored the trail to tip-top condition for hikers and bikers further enjoyment.

Walking and biking in Carlsbad *Give us your input!*



The City of Carlsbad is seeking input from people who live, work and play in the city about how they use the city's roads and off-road trails. The online survey is part of a larger project to develop better options for people to get to their homes, schools, work places, retail centers, parks, public transportation and the beach.

Beginning in December and continuing until early February, the city is asking people to go online at www.carlsbadca.gov/input to participate in a 10 to 15 minute online survey and participate in a map exercise where they can show the city locations where they'd like to see improvements or changes.



AIG adopts trail at Hidden Valley

On Thursday, Nov. 14, 22 volunteers participated in a trail clean-up of the Hidden Valley Trail as part of the City's Adopt-a-Trail program. The group worked hard all morning clearing the trail of overgrown brush and tree limbs, in addition to installing two trailhead posts for the Hidden Valley Trail signs.

A special thanks is extended to the many volunteers from the AIG Corporation, all in blue AIG volunteer shirts, who used the trail clearing efforts as a team building activity.

The approximately 51 hours of volunteer hours provided a positive benefit to the trail and surrounding environment.

For information on Adopt-a-Trail contact Liz Ketabian at 760-434-2978.



Featured
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This photo of two friends enjoying a ride on our Coastal Rail Trail was featured in the national *Rails to Trails* magazine and annual calendar. Grab a friend and hit the trails whether on foot, bikes or scooters!

Volunteer Trail Captains

- **Arroyo Vista**
Tia Lanzetta
- **Carlsbad Oaks North**
Patti Wolf
- **Bressi Ranch**
John Rosser
- **Coastal Rail**
Terri and Joe Sardina
- **Hosp Grove**
Gary Nessim and John Rodenhausen
- **La Costa Glen**
Ed and Tricia Cerda
- **La Costa Valley**
Prudencio Perera
- **Lake Calavera**
Diane Nygaard and Erik Mickelson
- **Old Rancho Santa Fe Rd./ Rancho La Costa Preserve**
Ridwan Sasmita
- **Rancho Carrillo**
Teresa Donata, Tim Griffin and Ramesh Sirsi
- **Ridgeline/La Costa**
Don Stapp
- **The Crossings/Veterans Park**
Mary and Richard James
- **The Ranch/Santa Fe Trails**
Vacant
- **Village H/Hidden Canyon Park**
Tim Campbell
- **Villagio**
John F. Gillis
- **Waters End**
Jamie Hartnett

Citywide Trails Program *Mission Statement*

"Provide a trails system that ensures the recreational and leisure needs of Carlsbad residents while supporting the protection and preservation of open space in accordance with the City of Carlsbad General Plan."

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